



## Mary Loyce Land Nelms

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Obituary for Mary Loyce Land Nelms

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Mary Loyce Land Nelms passed away peacefully Saturday evening at Grand Strand Regional Hospital after a short illness. She was beautiful inside and out. Her love for her family and friends had no end. Her smile was contagious and brightened every room. She never declined an opportunity for adventure, regardless of her age. The grace and love she displayed throughout her life are perfect examples of true kindness and compassion. A devoted military wife and mother, active member of Collins Creek Baptist Church and more recently Socastee Baptist Church, she knew and served our Lord Jesus Christ and will spend all eternity in heaven walking streets of gold. She loved working with children in Sunday school, Bible drills and Vacation Bible School. With a passion for sewing, she made all her daughters clothes and created hundreds of elaborate costumes for church productions and the original Socastee Singers. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Wayne Nelms and wife Patti of Mingo Junction Ohio; three daughters, Joanne Nelms Beaudoin of Myrtle Beach, Lynne Nelms Baxley and husband Jim of Myrtle Beach and Tonya Nelms Long and husband Steve of Carrollton Virginia; twelve grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. She was the daughter of the late Eloise Land Ange and the late Graham Burton Land. Her husband of 55 years, Atlas Nelms, three sisters, Keathley Malone, Lynnette McCreary, her twin Joyce Scott and two brothers, Graham Land and Kenneth Land, also preceded her in death.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday October 6, 2017 at Socastee Baptist Church with Dr. Micah Lane officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 Thursday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Youth Program of Socastee Baptist Church @ [www.SocasteeBaptist.com](http://www.SocasteeBaptist.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Socastee Baptist Church  
328 Flagstone Drive  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-6104

## Interment

OCT 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
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<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>